

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the forgoing amendments, claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 16 are pending in this application with claims 1, 8, 13, and 15 being independent claims. Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 16 are allowed. Thus, only allowed claims remain pending.

Claims 21-35 have been newly canceled, without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

**The 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103 Rejections**

Claims 21, 23-26, 28, 30-33, and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Chiu et al.* (US 6,597,689 B1). Claims 22, 27, 29, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Chiu*. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Generally, the Office Action states that *Chiu* discloses or suggests all of the claim elements and limitations. However, with this paper claims 21-35 have been canceled thus rendering the rejections moot.

**Request for Allowance**

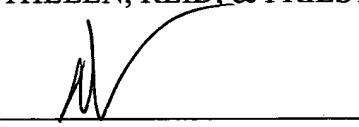
In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of this application is earnestly solicited. If any matters remain which could be resolved in a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite resolution of any such matters. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in condition for issuance.

Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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